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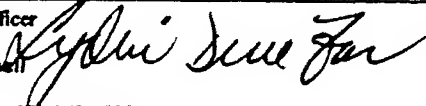
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- ☐ a translation of the international application into English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
 - pages 1-49 as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
 - pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
 - pages 49-63 as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 - pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
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- ☒ the drawings:
 - pages 1 as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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5. ☐ This report has been established taking into account the rectification of an obvious mistake authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 70.2(e)).

* If Item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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PCT/US03/41762**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-41</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-41</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-41</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-41 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Cochrum et al. (US 2002/0197302) in view of Kipshidze et al. (US 5,437,292). The patent to Cochrum et al. discloses a method for treating a puncture in an artery or vein by applying a vasoconstrictor to the skin over the catheter exit site. Cochrum et al teach the vasoconstrictor decrease cessation of blood flow in a rapid period of time. Cochrum et al does not mention the percent of time that the cessation of blood flow is achieved in comparison to a topical barrier without the vasoconstrictor. It would have been obvious to achieve the same results as claimed since Cochrum et al utilize substantially the same method as recited. The patent to Kipshidze et al. also suggests the use of a vasoconstrictor to reduce blood flow in a relative short period of time. The Cochrum et al and Kipshidze combination suggest the method steps recited in the claims above.

Claims 1-41 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus meet industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----